

# In today's Jordan Times...

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# **Today's Weather**

It will be normal summery weather, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

•	Overnight Low	Daytime High
Amman	19	32
Agaba	25	40
Deserts	22	39
fordan Valley	25	40

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 33, Agaba 39. Yesterday's humidity readings: Amman 25 per cent, Aqaba 28 per cent. Sunset tonight: 6:27 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:57 a.m.

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AMMAN, SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 1981 — SHAWWAL 8, 1401

Prince Hassan tells Al Hawadith

Jordan is backbone

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan has said that Jordan is the main source of defence,

economic and social support for the people of the occupied Arab

territories. Jordan, in cooperation with the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO), is ensuring that the Arab residents stay on

their land, Prince Hassan said in an interview with the London-

"During the last two years, and following the negative impact of

the Camp David agreements on the morale of our kinsmen in the

occupied territories and the revival of the autonomy plan, Jordan

has been active in explaining the aspects of the Palestine issue on

all Arab, Islamic and international levels; and has been sup-

Crown Prince Hassan also stressed that the international com-

He said U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 remains the

general framework for the only international initiative agreed

upon after the October 1973 war. "But regrettably, this resol-

ution has been undermined by the American, Egyptian and Israeli

misinterpretation as a result of the Camp David agreements and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty," he said. "Therefore, we

should offer a reminder about the principle of Israeli withdrawal

from the areas occupied since 1967 as included in the resolution,

Asked whether the Palestinian-Israeli war of attrition might

lead to U.S. recognition of the PLO, Crown Prince Hassan said

that recent events might lead to a new international awakening;

but that despite the statement made by U.S. Defence Secretary

Caspar Weinberger on the question of the use of American-made

arms by Israel, U.S. positions will remain set until the United

States recognises the PLO, the Palestinian reality and the fact that

the Palestinian problem is the top security problem in the Middle

Sadat urges U.S.

to develop allies

in Third World

ident Sadat today urged the terrorist.

United States to adopt a twin-pol-

icy of supporting liberation

movements everywhere and arm-

ing its Third World friends in

order to deter Soviet intervention

ery to the Council on Foreign

Relations, Mr. Sadat singled out

the Namibian (South West Afri-

can) independence movement and

the Palestinians as groups worthy

tended to view Third World-

developments in an East-West

context and has condemned most

The Reagan administration has

of U.S. backing.

In a speech prepared for deliv-

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (R) - Pres- leftist liberation movements as

The Egyptian leader, who has

just had two days of talks with

President Reagan, cast his sugges-

tions in the context of redefining

the nature of East-West detente.

refrain from intervening in the

domestic affairs of other nations,"

he said in remarks prepared for

(foreign intervention) will trans-

the prohibition will be reduced to

Mr. Sadat referred to the Soviet

military intervention in Afghanis-

tan and "acts of sabotage" in

Africa, Asia and Central America

as "contrary to the essence of

empty words."

"A commitment to refrain from

delivery to the council.

Detente requires both sides to

which is not included in all other political initiatives."

munity, including the United States, has not recognised Israel's

porting the role of the PLO," the Crown Prince said.

right to annex and Judaise occupied Jerusalem.

based magazine Al Hawadith, published today.

of Arab resistance

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirbams; Great Britain 25 pence

#### ran sends 38 firing squads

IDON, Aug. 7 (R) — y-eight people were sent ne firing squads in Iran y in one of the biggest mass utions in recent months, es at the official Pars news cy said. The sources, cond from London, did not any details of today's n sentences, which fold demonstrations in Iran rday calling on revolutiotribunals to take a tougher against opponents of the mment. The courts have uted more than 350 peomost of them leftist disits, since the dismissal of er president Abol Hassan -Sadr as commanderrief of the armed forces

#### riets in Baltic ar of nerves?

months ago.

DON, Aug. 7 (R) — A tnaval buildup in the Bala seems to be a routine ise but it could also be of a war of nerves against d, officials said today. :m military experts said

70 Soviet ships were oned for what appeared the largest-ever amphibiinding exercise along the em Soviet coast. Officials ATO capitals said the purpose seemed to be to oviet naval capabilities in area, but the manoeuvres being carefully monitored context of Soviet psygical pressure against the

#### bian coup ends stages rescued

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IUL, Ganabia, Aug. 7(R) reck-long attempt by lefbels to seize power in: ia ended in the rescue of ient Dawda Jawara's wife he subsequent release of ther hostages. At least people are estimated to lied during the attempted which began when Sir a was in London for last s British royal wedding. president's wife, Lady d N'Diaye, and four of nildren were among bosheld by the rebels at a ry barracks outside Ban-ady Thielal was rescued she took her children armed rebel escort to

tal for medical treatment.

today sharply criticised

iddle East policy a day

and Egyptian President

Sadat pledged to resume

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it is most regrettable is

United States still adheres

amp David accords which

»ed to be a failure." Saudi

Prince Fahd said in a

nt to the official Saudi

prince added: "We still

at the Reagan administ-

ill accept the invalidity of

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nt which did not force

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ion and bloodshed in the

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Arabia had pressed

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J.S. President Ronald

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prompt response for a ceasefire. but we are not quite happy with the overall U.S. policy in the Mid-dle East, especially with regard to

#### the Palestinian issue." detente as I conceive of it." Amman receives note from Baghdad on Israeli arms supplies to Iran

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) - The official government spokesman vesterday announced that Jordan has received a memorandum from the government of Iraq giving details of the cooperation in arms supply between Iran and Israel disclosed after the crash of an Argentine cargo plane which violated Soviet air space on July 18.

"It has become evident that the plane was on a mission to transfer American weapons, ammunition and spare parts for which Iran. contracted with the Zionist entity with the aim of prolonging the war which Iran is carrying on against Iraq," the statement said.

"The government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan views this .cooperation as a matter of extreme gravity, because it threatens the security of Iraq and the security and safety of the whole Arab Nation," it added. "Therefore, the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan calls on those who have not yet realised the objectives and goals of the expansionist Iranian policy immediately to cease their support for the Iranian regime, which is collaborating with the Zionist entity with the aim of the attrition and weakening of Arab capabilities."

## Relent in white supremacist rule or face siege similar to Lebanon, opposition leader warns Pretoria

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 7 (R) — South African opposition leader Frederik van Syl Slabbert said today the country would face a state of siege similar to that in Lebanon if it continued to practise

white supremacy. Dr. Slabbert was addressing parliament at the end of a five-day debate of a censure motion against the government of Prime Minister

P.W. Botha. He said the policy of white supremacy and that of restricting the flow of blacks to urban centres in order to promote a constellation of urban states would prove disastrous.

-"If we continue to practise a policy of white domination we will have lost the battle before we start and face a state of siege such as exists in Lebanon," he said.

Dr. Slabbert added: "Let us involve everyone in working out a new system for South Africa. We will have to try not to have a racial

confrontation.

"We have to try to find each other and work together, and it must emerge from this house." The opposition leader also made a bitter personal attack on the prime minister, accusing him

of practising "gutter politics."

# French nationals prevented from leaving Tehran

# Extradite Bani-Sadr or else, Iran leader warns Mitterrand

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BEIRUT, Aug. 7 (Agencies) — A prominent Iranian religious leader today threatened Iran would do to France what it did to the United States if fugitive ex-president Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr was not extradited, Tehran Radio reported.

The warning came from Ayatollah Meshkini, the Friday prayers imam of the Iranian holy city of Qom, who took over the post from Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazagi, the heir apparent to supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, according to the broadcast.

An independent Arab political daily published b

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Addressing French President Francois Mitterrand in a Friday sermon delivered at a Qom mosque, Ayatollah Meshkini was quoted as saying: "If you are not prepared to return the terrorists, the Iranian people will do to you the same thing that has been done to America with clenched fists and the Allah Akbar slogan."

This was an obvious reference to the Nov. 4, 1979 takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the 444-day-old ordeal of 52 American hostages held by Iranian militant students.

Tehran Radio said Ayatollah Meshkini, whose first name was not given, also demanded the extradition from France of Massoud Rajavi, head of the Islamic Marxist underground Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation who fled Tehran on the same Iranian air force plane that smuggled Mr. Bani-Sadr to Paris, July 29. Both were granted political asylum in France.

was flown back to Tehran today by an Iranian crew. The pilot and two of the original crew that brought the plane to Paris also have asked for asylum. Officials in Paris had no immediate word whether two other crew members who told the Iranian embassy in Paris they want to return home had been on the plane to Tehran.

#### French nationals not allowed to leave

Ayatollah Meshkini's threat came hours after an Iranian foreign ministry spokesman was quoted the official Pars news agency as saying the 140 French residents of Iran were "our guests and can continue to stay in Iran in full security."

His statement came amidst a Franco-Iranian dispute over arrangements to evacuate the French community from Iran. France has made two unsuccessful attempts to send Air France planes to bring the French nationals home but Iran said they would be allowed to leave only aboard Iran Air regular airliners on Monday and Wednesday.

Mr. Mitterrand last Wednesday advised all Frenchmen and

equipped with exit visas were prevented from boarding an Air France jetliner at Tehran's Mehrabad airport on Thursday.

#### Fears of an embassy takeover

There were fears in Tehran and abroad the Iranians would attempt to storm the almost deserted French embassy in Tehran after the Friday prayers at Tehran University, where Majlis Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani delivered the sermon. But by early afternoon no demonstrations formed up in front of the embassy premises, observers said.

Meanwhile, Tehran Radio said revolutionary guards seized three suitcases full of explosives in Tehran's western railway terminal. Three men were arrested but three others escaped. They were planning to blow up the station, the radio said.

Ayatollah Meshkini's threat coincided with a statement by French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson that France and Iran have reached agreement that will allow French nationals wishing to leave Iran to do so next week.

In a television interview in Paris, Mr. Cheysson said there was no reason" to doubt what has been promised." He did not elaborate, but an external affairs ministry spokesman said 116 of the 144 French citizens in Iran had asked to be repatriated.

Sources in Tehran reached by telephone from Beirut said many of the French nationals have gone al asylum in France. women in Iran to prepare to leave of the French nationals have gone The Boeing 707 escape aircraft the country within three days. But to stay in the French embassy

sources, who said they spoke to servants at the homes of French diplomats, declined to be named. The switchboard at the French

embassy in Tehran declined to make any comment on the status of the French nationals in Iran.

The Iranian foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday arrangements were being made to fly the first batch of French evacuees aboard an Iran-Air jetliner Monday. Reports from Paris said the new agreement provides for the French nationals to leave on regular Iran-Air flights Monday and Wednesday.

One on-the-scene observer said by telephone only two ordinary policemen guarded the threestorey embassy building at downtown Tehran's "France Street" and that the French flag has been removed from the staff.

"All doors and windows at the building are shuttered and the street in front of the embassy is totally deserted. No one moves on declined to be identified.

Another source reached by telephone said he got through to the embassy switchboard on a local extension and was told by an English-speaking man there were 140 French nationals staying at the embassy at present. They all plan to leave next week, he said without revealing his identity.

#### Attacks in Beirut

Meanwhile, in Beirut, bombs exploded last night outside two French banks and an Air France

A man with an Iranian accent telephoned Beirut newspapers to claim responsibility. He threatened attacks on French interests around the world unless Paris handed over Mr. Bani-Sadr to Iranian authorities.

An Iranian bank in West Beirut was damaged by a bomb this afternoon, but no one claimed

# Begin cabinet to lose membership in Knesset

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (R) - Prime Minister Menachem Begin plans to introduce a new law under which Israeli cabinet ministers will no longer be members of parliament, official sources said today.

The idea is to let ministers spend more time at their desks instead of putting in long hours in the Knesset (parliament) to safeguard the new government's razor-thin majority."

Earlier this week Mr. Begin signed a coalition pact with three religious parties which gave him the support of 61 members in the The proposed law will allow ministers to vacate their Knesset seats

in favour of other party members.

The constitution compels Mr. Begin and his two deputies to retain their parliamentary seats. The proposed new law will affect the 15 other ministers, the sources said.

# U.S.air controllers' strike stalemated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (R) -The Reagan administration. which has fired 12,000 of the country's air traffic controllers for going on strike, said today there would be fewer flights in U.S. skies in coming months but airways would be safe.

form detente from a suspected Transportation Secretary Drew arrangement between super-Lewis said, "there's no question powers to an element of security the skyways are safe, probably safer than they were." Strikers for Third World countries," he and others are predicting the intri-"There must be a deterrent cate U.S. air safety network will against foreign intervention," he continued." In the absence of that,

soon collapse in chaos. "By next week, with one day of bad weather, I would say the system would pretty much collapse." well-known criminal lawyer and private pilot Lee Bailey said in a

television interview. Mr. Bailey was legal adviser for the 1969 founding of the Pro-fessional Air Traffic Controllers Organisation (PATCO).

PATCO leaders said supervisors and non-striking and military controllers cannot keep working overtime to operate control towers without affecting safety. Mr. Lewis said dismissed con-

trollers, who are demanding more pay and benefits, would not be rehired "as long as the Reagan administration is in office."

As government workers, controllers are banned under federal law from striking.

PATCO members rejected a 42-month contract boosting average annual pay 6.6 per cent to \$33,000 and benefits by 5.8 per cent. Mr. Poli, citing the highstress nature of control tower work, sought a 17-times higher contract to raise average salaries to \$40,000, cut the work week from 40 to 32 hours, and provide early retirement benefits.

#### World reacts cautiously

In related developments, foreign Air Traffic Controllers (ATCS) generally sympathised with their striking American colleagues, but a call by their international union to withhold clearance for planes to the United States met a patchy response

The Geneva-based Inter-·national Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) asked its members to clear aircraft only to the last point outside U.S. borders.

British controllers, who direct transatlantic traffic jointly with Iceland, will meet early next week radar range.

to decide whether to support their American colleagues, locked in a bitter fight with the Reagan administration.

British controllers also expressed extreme concern "about the safety of air traffic in the U.S.A." "We think it is a bloody dangerous situation in the U.S. at the moment," one union official

commented. British Airways (BA), however, said, "we have no reason to doubt the standards of air traffic control coverage being given to us in the

Air traffic controllers in Norway were giving clearance for American aircraft only as far as the Norwegian border, while Scandinavian Airlines had clearance to the U.S. border.

Danish controllers said, however, the Norwegian gesture was without practical meaning as clearance for all European flights across the North Atlantic had to come from Britain or Iceland.

French controllers said they supported the American controllers. They would not hinder flights to the United States but would warn pilots they faced hazards once outside European

## Fresh fighting reported in North Lebanese town BEIRUT, Aug. 7 (R) - Fresh people had been killed and more

fighting broke out in the North Lebanese town of Tripoli today, official sources said.

It was the fourth day of heavy clashes involving rival factions in the city, who have used artillery, rockets and machineguns.

The sources said relative calm returned to the Mediterranean port, some 70 kilometres north of Beirut, around midday following mediation efforts among the groups involved.

Security sources said about 25

than 50 wounded in clashes which erupted on Tuesday.

The command of the 30,000strong Syrian peace-keeping force in Lebanon has sent extra troops. tanks and armoured vehicles to The centre of the clashes, the

residential Tabbaneb district, has been sealed off. Official sources said bursts of

fire and sporadic artillery shelling could be heard from the district throughout the day.

# Generals face generals in 190th Bolivian coup

LA PAZ. Bolivia, Aug. 7 (R) — Generals faced generals in a battle for power in Bolivia today and a 6,000-man peasant army was officially reported to have joined the military feud. The military junta which declared it had replaced President Luis

Garcia Meza, overthrown on Tuesday in Bolivia's 190th coup d'etat in 156 years, sent troops to the stronghold of two generals who refused to recognise its authority. Military sources said regiments loyal to the junta were on their way

to the eastern province of Santa Cruz where ex-president Alberto Natusch Busch and ex-army chief of staff Lucio Anez Rivero were refusing to lay down their arms. State television carried an official announcement that 6,000 peas-

ants were marching from the town of Cochabamba to Santa Cruz in support of the three-man junta. Generals Natusch and Anez mounted the revolt that led to the

overthrow of Gen. Garcia Meza. They have insisted the juta negotiates with them to decide who runs the country. In a speech to the nation last night, the senior member of the junta,

air force commander Walter Bernal, said the armed forces were split into two factions. He called for unity to solve Bolivia's grave. economic, political and social problems. Gen. Bernal made no mention of what was happening in Santa

Cruz, 500 kilometres southeast of the capital. The situation in the rebel stronghold was unclear because all communications from La

## JORDAN TIMES

#### INSURANCE & SHIPPING SUPPLEMENT

THE JORDAN TIMES will very soon publish a special supplement on INSURANCE, SHIPPING and transport in Jordan. The supplement, which will be the first in the region, will serve as a long term guide in these fields. Advertisements and capsule profiles of companies will be accepted until Aug. 11, 1981.

For more details please call: (Nayef) Tel. 67171-4 from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

# 'Death to Khomeini regime': Iran outpost in U.S. stormed

occupied Iran's only diplomatic outpost here today. At least 15 to 20 persons were arrested by city police. As those arrested were led off, they shouted,

"Long live the people. Death to the Khomeini regime. Once they were out, city police officers moved in. Leaflets found lying on the ground read "Death

to Khomeini regime. Long live freedom." Earlier, a man who identified himself as a member of the "People's Majority" called the Associated Press and said he and others of the group had occupied the offices of the Iranian inter-

ests section in the Algerian embassy. The interests section is maintained in lieu of a full-fledged embassy. The United States broke diplomatic relations with Tehran following the storming of the U.S. embassy there in November 1979, and ordered all but token diplomatic personnel out

of the country in April 1980. Secret Service and FBI agents also were sent to the office building housing the Iranian mission, and traffic was diverted from the busy Wisconsin Avenue, where the facility is operated under the diplomatic umbrella of the embassy of Algeria.

building.

embassy but is in a different building, has handled U.S.-Iran affairs since the break in relations between the two countries over the seizure of the U.S. embassy and American hostages in Tehran in November 1979.

Eyewitnesses reported that some of those involved in the seizure had been armed with automatic weapons.

Some people in the crowd of onlookers held back by police barriers shouted sympathetic slogans as arrested persons were led away.

had been admitted to the emergency room and one was in critical condition with a gunshot wound. Cable News Network (CNN) Television, whose

· In that incident, 15 Iranian students chained themselves to the crown of the statue. The group styles itself as the national resistance

The secret service said between 15 and 20 people

The section, which comes under the Algerian

A hospital spokesman said two unidentified men

Washington office is next door to the Iranian interests section, said it had been given a pamphlet saying those who staged the takeover were members of the same group which briefly took over the statue of Liberty in New York harbour last month.

council and is opposed to Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

had been arrested and police were in control of the WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (Agencies) - Dissident Iranians shouting "Death to the Khomeini regime"

# High hopes expressed for Yarmouk department of public health

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) — Yarmouk University's new department of public health, to be opened in the 1981-82 academic year, will, it is hoped, provide extensive opportunities for specialisations and higher stadies before its first class is graduated, Dr. Muwaffaq Haddadin, chairman of the pharmacology department at Ya:monk University, said today.

He also expressed the hope that the department would be able to increase its student body while still concentrating on the quality of the graduates.

Dr. Haddadin told a press conference that the graduates of the department will have vast opportunities for employment, whether in Jordan or in neighbouring Arab states, because of the dire need for trained specialists in this field. He said the department will be the first of its kind in the area, and consequently both the public and private sectors will compete to employ its graduates even before they complete their studies.

Dr. Haddadin said the cholera epidemic in Jordan and the area has given impetus to efforts to establish the public health depart-

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### **Exhibitions**

- \* An exhibition of finds from excavations at Jerash and Tell Mazar is on display from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the University of Jordan
- \* Paintings of Orientalists and contemporary artists from Islamic countries, from the Jordan National Gallery's permanent collection, will be on display at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- \* An exhibition of photographs to promote friendship among peoples, at the Soviet Cultural Centre, near Third Circle in Jabal

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#### Jazeera edges Wihdat 9-8

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (J.T.) — Jazeera captured the newly instituted knockout trophy of the Football Association this evening in a cliffhanging final against Wihdat, last year's premier division champ-

After drawing in the regular time game 1-1, the two teams remained scoreless in the halfhour overtime and moved on to penalty kicks. A round of faultless scoring ensued, until on the eighth try Wihdat player Ghassan Jum'a missed the net, giving the game and the cup to Jazeera with a total score of 9-8.

Jazeera played only three games on its way to the top under the new championship system.

#### Jordanian workers abroad top 300,000

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (J.T.) — The number of Jordanian workers employed abroad at the end of 1980 totalled some 305,400, including 261,500 workers in Arab countries and 43,900 in foreign countries, it has been reported.

Statistics published by the Ministry of Labour show that there are 140,000 Jordanian workers in Saudi Arabia, 75,000 in Kuwait, 19,000 in the United Arab Emirates, 7,250 in Qatar, 6,500 in Libya, 650 in Oman, 3,250 in Bahrain and 54,000 workers in other Arab countries.

The statistics also showed that there are 20,000 Jordanian workers in the United States, 1,500 in Britain, 300 in Switzerland, 400 in Belgium, 113,000 in West Germany, 700 in France, 500 in Canada and 300 in Australia.

Arab scientific seminar on the use

of modern technology in adminis-trative training will begin on

Saturday at the headquarters of

the Arab Organisation for

Administrative Sciences (AOAS).

AOAS Director General Abullah

Al Zo'bi said the aim of the two-

week meeting is to acquaint the

participants with the use of mod-

ern audio-visual equipment and

technology, in addition to pro-

cessing samples of such materials

and producing programmes in this

Dr. Zo'bi added that the par- said.

Jeddah

Training technology seminar

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) - An ticipants, and experts in the field,

begins today at AOAS

# New U.S. Ambassador Richard Viets (centre) is greeted on arrival in Amman Thursday by Deputy Chief of Mission David Zweifel (left) and a Foreign Ministry aide (Petra photo)

# Working women to discuss population issues at seminar beginning tomorrow

By Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Aug. 7 — A four-day seminar on working women and population issues in Jordan is due to open at the Amman Chamber of Industry on Sunday, with the participation of 50 women workers from both the public and the private sectors.

According to Ministry of Labour officials, the seminar will aim at developing population concepts among working women in Jordan. It also aims at restudying the population situation in Jordan after the 1979 census, which

will discuss the major principles of

communications theories, the

theory of the communication

technology, audio-visual recep-

tion and case studies in adminis-

Twenty-four specialists from

Jordan, Iraq. Algeria Sudan,

Morocco, Libya, Bahrain, Oman,

Syria, Qatar, Palestine, North

Yemen and Tunisia will par-

Experts from Jordan, Iraq,

Japan, Britain and Malaysia will

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ticipate in the seminar.

trative sciences.

showed that population growth in the country is one of the highest in the world: 3.8 per cent a year.

Participants will also discuss the role of the working woman in development, as well as her problems and means of solving them. Furthermore, they will study the consequences of population growth in terms of health, nutrition, education and birth con-

"This seminar is originally designed for women from the private sector who are subject to the Jordan labour law, but women workers from the government sector have been allowed to take part, in the hope that they will benefit from its discussions," said Mr. Hani Khader, director of the labour education department and population education project at the Ministry of Labour. The seminar is coorganised jointly by the Ministry of Labour, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

During the four-day gathering. participants will hear lectures on: topics such as concept and goals of population education, contemporary concerns over population issues, the role of working women in development, the population situation in Jordan, population strategy in the Arab World, the gains of the Jordanian woman isation in Islam, problems of work- available income.

ing women in Jordan and the status of women in Jordanian legislation.

Speakers at the seminar will be from the Ministry of Labour, the University of Jordan, the Ministry of Social Development, the female teachers' training centre, Alia the Royal Jordanian Airline, the Amman Chamber of Industry. the general federation of labour unions and the Social Security Corporation.

Other participants include busmess firms and factories, commercial banks, private hospitals, hotels, charitable societies and labour unions.

The seminar will work to realise the goals of the population education project for women who are included in the labour law," Mr. Khader said. He told the Jordan Times that the seminar

focuses on working women because they are important in spreading enlightment and education among other women in such a way that social prosperity can be attained for the family.

Asked if the population education programme would necessarily promote the use of birth control methods, Mr. Khader said this topic would be discussed at the seminar. But he said he thinks that the goal of population education is mainly to enlighten the public on the benefits of raising a

# New U.S. envoy arrives

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (J.T.) — The newly appointed U.S. ambassador to Jordan, Ambassador Richard N. Viets, arrived in Amman yesterday, Ambassador Viets succeeds Ambassador Nicholas Veliotes, who was chosen by Secretary of State Alexander Haig to become the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs.

Ambassador Viets, who is a career foreign service officer, was the deputy chief of mission in Bucharest in 1974-77 and in Tel Aviv in 1977-79 before being chosen as the ambassador to Tanzania in 1979. Before joining the government, Ambassador Viets worked with the Bank of America in Los Angeles in 1955 and with the Mobil International Oil Company in New York from 1960 to 1962, Ambas-sador Viets also served in the U.S. army from 1950 to 1952.

Ambassador Viets was born in Burlington, Vermont on Nov. 10. 1930. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont in 1955. He is fluent in French and Romanian. Ambassadur Viets is married and has three daughters.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### King cables UAE leader

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable to United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan congratulating him on the anniversary of the assumption of his constitutional powers. King Hussein wished Sheikh Zayed success in leading his fraternal country to progress

#### Foreign Ministry aide sees envoys

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) - Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Amer Shammout received at his office separately yesterday the Iraqi ambassador in Amman and the Lebanese charge d'affaires. During the meetings the envoys reviewed with Mr. Shammout bilateral relations between Jordan and their countries-

#### 16 supply violators fined

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) — The military court has sentenced 16 merchants to fines ranging from JD 60 to JD 200 for violating regulations of the Ministry of Supply. The military governor has approved the sentences.

#### Call to Romanian study applicants

MA'AN, Aug. 7 (Petra) - The Education Department at Ma'an Governorate has requested students who have applied for study at Romanian universities at their own expense to report to the general conference hall in Ma'an tomorrow morning to complete their applications. Each student who fails to report will lose his right of nomination.

#### Jordanian dies in Iraq

AMMAN, Aug. 7 (Petra) — The Foreign Ministry has received a cable from the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad notifying it that Jordanian citizen Adnan Qasem Abdullah who carried a driving licence issued in Irbid on April 8, 1981, and was working at the Land Reclamation Department in Baghdad, has died.

#### JORDAN TELEVISION

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Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.

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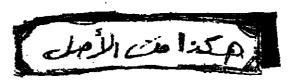
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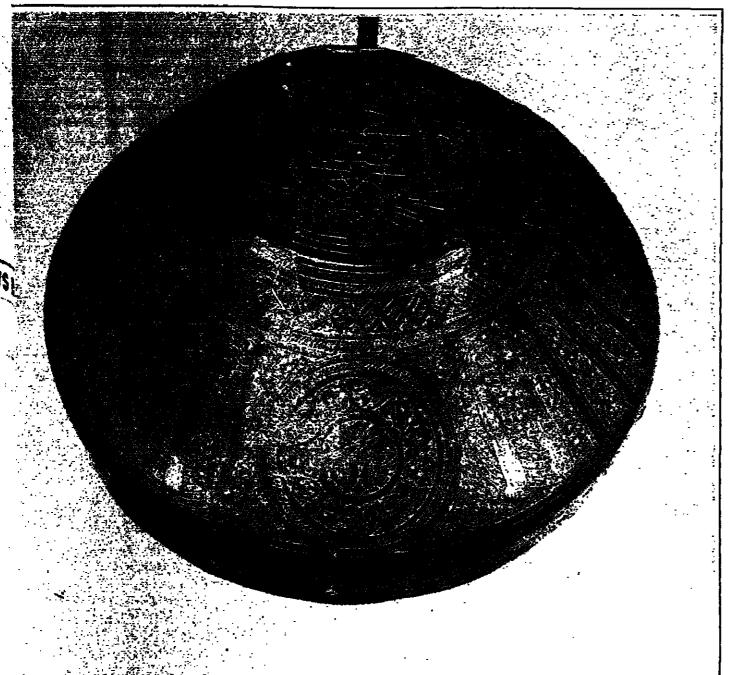
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Underglaze painted bowl in geometric 'arabesques'

# By Steve Ross

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ial to the Jordan Times

INGTON — The geometnd floral motifs, intricate phy and rich colours of : design stemming from the tradition of Islam are still r parts of the artistic enviit in Jordan and other parts Middle East. They are less n in the industrialised - but an exhibition just ng two years of travel in ited States celebrates this and should make clear to ans the depth and extent of 1b contribution to world

ng a period which in the w the Italian Renaissance, overy of America and the ig of the Reformation, the East was experiencing a heyday of its own under iluk sultans.

Jemiuks, enslaved hody-I the Ayyubid rulers of zed power in A.D. 1250 it for nearly three cent period of both strength moil. Ruling an empire stretched from southern 1 to Upper Egypt- and Hordan, the Mamiuk sulaptured Jerusalem, defe-Crusaders and fought off ul invaders. But their rule : Islamic World was disw intense rivalries among id the never-ending comfor supreme power.

midst of this strife the arts :d -- patronage being one

mode in which rulers competed --

opened on May 15 in a grand event at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History, attended by Jordanian Ambasthe title "The Renaissance of Islam: Art of the Mamluks", were 128 artefacts drawn from museums and private collections in the U.S.. Britain, France. Canada, Egypt and Syria.

An exhibition hall at the Natural History Museum has been transformed into a shimmering showplace of what a companion booklet to the exhibition calls "the culmination of a creative genius in which indigenous traditions found ultimate expression." Mamluk artists, employing a rich decorative vocabulary, combined figural motifs, Arabic calligraphy, intricate geometric patterns and floral "arabesques". Synthesising techniques and themes developed in the past and adopting motifs from other traditions, they created an art unique to their world and representative of their society -and the success of this creative synthesis is everywhere visible in the exhibition.

#### Rich ceramics

The hall is dominated by ceram-



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# mode in which rulers competed -and Cairo, the political capital, became an artistic one as well. The exhibition which portrays the splendour of this period opened on May 15 in a grand event at the Smithsonian Institusador to the U.S. Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, the parents of Her Majesty Queen Noor and other Arab and international notables. On display until July 19 in Washington, under the title "The Renaissance of ours America

ics and glasswork. The pots are ordinary objects of daily use, but nonetheless exhibit fine potting of harmonious proportions and beautiful decoration -- underglaze painting being the most common technique. The bowls bear intricate floral, geometric and calligraphic designs, usually in rich

tones of blue, turquoise and black. The glass pieces represent an artistic corpus famous for its

there are also bottles, jugs, glasses and perfume sprinklers.

Mamluk glassworkers, although competent in various techniques revived from antiquity, such as the trailing of glass threads, excelled in the production of enamelled and gilded glass. Decoration on these pieces is outlined in red and often set against spiralling floral scrolls. Epigraphic blazons of the sultans, and emblems of the

offices of the amirs, are also seen. extraordinary technical virtuosity. Mosque lamps are common, but Perhaps the most striking

exhibits are the examples of metalwork and manuscripts. Mamluk metalworkers devoted much effort to military equipment armour, helmets and weapons, as well as cymbals, drums and trumpets for the army band. One piece. a brass drum inlaid with silver, is breathtaking in the intricate delicacy of its tracings.

Sultans and amirs also ordered inlaid metal objects as gifts to religious institutions -- candlesticks, chandeliers and keys for special purposes. On display is a massive bronze key inlaid with calligraphy, donated to the Kaaba in Mecca by Sultan Shaban II in A.D. 1363/64. A wooden box plated with inlaid brass was used to store illuminated copies of the Koran. Ewers, basins, pen boxes and other objects were made for personal use.

#### Sumptuous Korans

Production of illuminated Koran manuscripts under the

donation to religious establishments, and master calligraphers devoted themselves to producing splendid single, double or 30-volume sets using a variety of scripts -- for example Kufic for chapter headings, with muhaqqaq for text. The intricacy and detail of the border designs around the few lines of text on each page is incred-Also popular during the Mam-

Mamluks was prolific. Sumptuous

copies were commissioned for

luk period were secular illustrated texts on such subjects as botany, zoology and horsemanship. Pages from these books are more simply illustrated, with primitivistic depictions of animals and human beings (the former are drawn with more naturalism and attention to anatomical detail).

There are examples of pages from the popular furusiyya or manuals of war, and some amusing pages in the display come from the Automata of Al Jazari (around A.D. 1315): a book of mechanical clocks and toys.

Textiles were another medium in which Mamluk artists excelled, producing beautiful woven and embroidered garments and rugs. The Mamluks both profited from the Asia-Europe trade in silk and other luxury items, and exported their own textile pieces, highly prized in Europe as ecclesiastical and royal garments. One 14thcentury silk piece on display was reportedly used as a mantle for a figure of the Virgin in a church in Valencia, Spain.

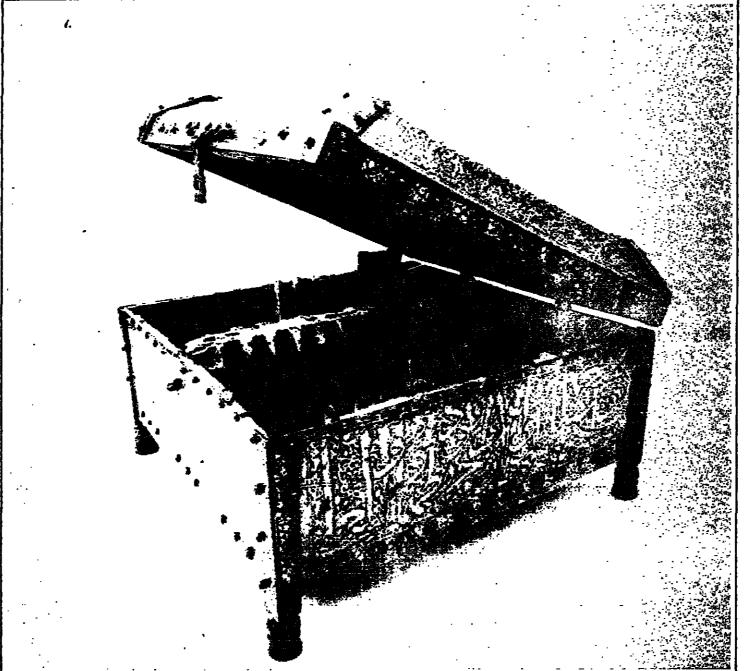
Mamluk rugs, woven in jewel-

like tones of red, green and blue, use geometric units often incorporating floral motifs for an effect similar to that found in other Mamluk arts.

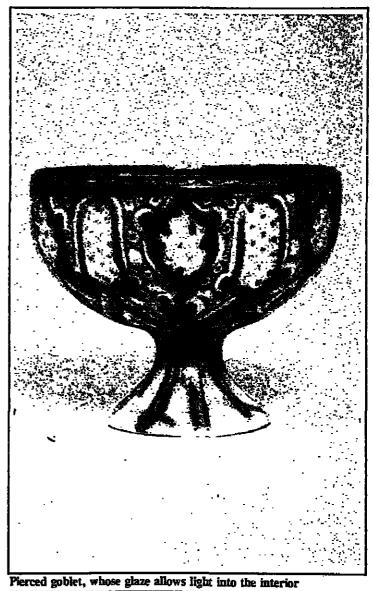
The architecture of the period is characterised by the technical virtuosity of the Mamluk craftsmen in the use of stone and the construction of superbly decorated interiors glittering with marble panels, inlaid woodwork and carved and painted stucco. Architecture is represented in the exhibition by several photographic panels of still-standing monuments in Cairo.

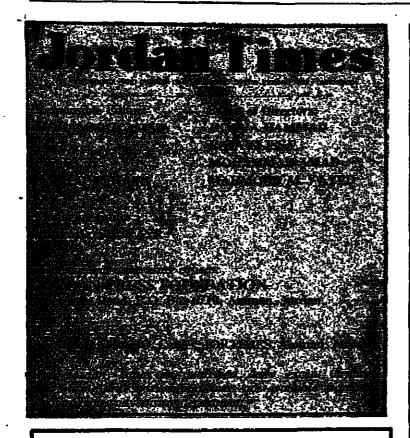
The exhibition, sponsored by United Technologies Corporation, an American conglomerate, will travel to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts in August. From there it will over the next two years visit New York, Cincinatti, Detroit, Phoenix Arizona and Hartford Connecticut.

The exhibition's curator, Dr. Esin Atil of the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art, asked about the possibility of further travel, pointed to probable difficulties with the 19 museums contributing to the show. There are "very strict regulations" about security, she said, and any museum, particularly one outside the United States, would have to renegotiate the loan arrangements with all parties involved before putting on the show. "Some countries have expressed interest but were warned of the difficulties involved," Dr. Atil told the Jordan Times.



Sumptuously decorated box made to bold a 30-volume Foran (Photos courtesy Smithsonian Institution Travelling Exhibition Service)





# Yahoooo, Ron

WE ARE impressed by the resolve of U.S. President Ronald Reagan in firing the thousands of air traffic controllers who have gone on strike despite the illegality of such a move because of their status as U.S. federal government employees. Mr. Reagan's commitment to the letter and spirit of the law is exemplary. He is a fine example for all Americans and, indeed, for all people throughout the world for whom the law means something, for whom a human commitment to civilised rules of conduct is backed by the willingness of responsible authorities to invoke powers of punishment when the law is ignored.

We think Mr. Reagan has done a fine job in handling the air traffic controllers. He has demonstrated once again that he is a man of action, a man for whom the law carries moral and legal weight. He has taken this opportunity to remind Americans and America's friends throughout the world that when the president of the United States is confronted by a flagrant violation of the law of the land, he is prepared to vigorously affirm the supremacy of law over the lawless instincts of selfish interest groups within society.

He has affirmed in a stunning manner that no person or group is above the law of the United States of America. He has reminded us all that a society's material and moral interests are best preserved by a total, dynamic commitment to that society's laws. We are impressed. We tip our hat to Ronald Reagan, the man who upheld the law.

Now, about those F-16 deliveries to Israel, and that study of whether Israel's bombings in Lebanon and Iraq had violated American laws on the terms of supplying American arms to Israel....? Go get em.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: In his reply to President Anwar Sadat's demand to have representatives of the Palestinian people participate in the settlement talks in the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig affirmed that Washington will not change its known positions in this connection.

As for Menachem Begin, he replied to Sadat by threatening to stop the autonomy talks if the Egyptian president insists on his position. Mr. Begin said the participation of the Palestinians in the negotiations would mean that there would be no negotiations at

If we add to these two factors the affirmation by Alexander Haig that the broadlines of American policy on the Middle East are in the process of being defined during the Egyptian President's visit to Washington, and that these broadlines will be crystalised for good during Mr. Begin's forthcoming visit to the United States, we can say again that the U.S. administration does not view the current dispute in the Middle East except through the Camp David agreements. This means that the administration of President Reagan is absolutely convinced that Tel Aviv and Cairo are the two capable factors to affect events in the area.

This confirms the Arab conviction that the Camp David agreements are not really a framework for peace or an attempt to achieve peace but are a mere political and military strategy aimed at isolating the Egyptian weight from the arena of confrontation. at dismembering Arab strength and at foiling every serious attempt to achieve the just and comprehensive peace which the area's peoples aspire to.

It becomes crystal clear then that Washington under the Reagan administration is the same Washington which was under the Carter administration -- captive to its own futile policy.

This raises the question: What can Washington offer the Arab leaders whom it has invited while it is closing in their way, and in the way of the forces capable of making the real peace, all the doors of dialogue and the doors of peace?

AL DUSTOUR: In frankness and truthfulness we tell U.S. President Ronald Reagan that we do not trust the intentions of his administration towards the Arabs in general and the Palestinian people in particular. We also doubt what he says that his country is eager to achieve peace and stability in the Middle East.

In the same frankness and truthfulness, we also tell him that his statement that his country will assume a significant role in seeking a fair peace in the area is part of the spoiled goods which Washington has been exporting but can no longer find anyone to buy or believe in the whole Arab World.

How does President Reagan want us to trust his intentions and believe that he is seeking a just peace while he is the only U.S. president who said that the Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab areas are legitimate?

How does Reagan want us to deceive ourselves and believe him while he is still viewing the Palestine issue as an issue of refugees and not as a political issue? Is not this outlook which is contrary to reality and an extension of the Zionist concepts, is the same as that which denies the presence of the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights in their homeland and their right to selfdetermination?

And what is that significant role which the United States can perform to establish peace while it is fully biased in Israel's favour and regards it as a strategic ally and consequently a partner in all the acts of aggression which Israel has committed against the Palestinian and Arab people?

What kind of peace Mr. Reagan seeks to achieve, as long as he ignores the existence of the Palestinian people and deal with Israel behind the Palestinians' back to determine their future without the participation of the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people -- the PLO?

And who can believe that the United States is seeking peace while important American decisions on the Middle East cannot be made without the approval of Israel or its sympathisers in the various administrations and Congress?

# Ignoring the logic of history

By Nafez Nazzal

"I, Menachem Begin, the son of Ze'ev and Hasia Begin, do solemnly swear that as long as I serve the nation as prime minister, we will not leave any part of Judea, Samaria, the Gaza Strip and the Golan

The Israeli voter has elected nine governments over the past 35 years but none of them has secured for him the stability for which he yearns. The Israelis have come out of one war only to prepare for another, and between their wars they live with worry at the thought of the next. The reason is clear: Israel's governments -- and the next will be no exception have totally ignored the logic of history and the basis of peace and justice. And Israel's next prime minister will no more fulfill his commitments to the Jewish people than his predecessors unless he accepts the facts of history and the laws of peace and justice.

But it looks as if once again Menachem Begin will lead the next government and that he will proceed with all speed to implement his policy for the West Bank, which, sooner or later, will lead to full Israeli annexation. This is Likud's ultimate aim - the complete control of the "Land of Israel". And what is the "Land of Israel"? For Begin its borders were fixed after the first world war when the mandate for Palestine was given to Great Britain. These were the borders which appeared in the emblem of Begin's Irgun movement and later of his Herut party: they take in the whole of the West Bank and Gaza.

Annexation, of course, is a vulgar word, and Begin's administration eschews vulgarity. Nonetheless, it is hard to see any alternative. The Israelis remain totally opposed to a Palestinian state and the Palestinians are opposed to any form of autonomy. And Israel's relentless incorporation of the West Bank and Gaza into the economic and administrative body politic of Israel has reached the point of

no return. Consider the following. Of the approximately 5.5 million dunums of West Bank land, nearly 1.5 million are under Israeli control, either because the Israelis claim it is "state domain land" which is not legally registered as belonging to individuals or because it is within 150 metres of a key road or is close to an Israeli security area. In 1979, \$30m worth of Israeli goods were sold in the a termones than Israel's exports to France.

Over 50 per cent of the West Bank and Gaza workforce is employed in Israel, and their earnings amount to 30 per cent of the gross national product of these territories. The Israeli settlements in the occupied territories are now divided into five regional councils, and the settlers now have their own Jewish law courts. Nor can it be forgotten that a recent opinion poll showed that 73.7 per cent of Israelis were in favour of continued Israeli settlements in at least part of the West Bank. Finally, the West Bank water system, its communications and road networks, its tourist industry and its banking system are all now under Israeli con-

During the television election debate between Begin and the Labour party leader, Shimon Peres, there was a significant exchange when Peres predicted dire consequences if Israel annexed the West Bank and Gaza along with the hostile Arab population. "If Herut and Begin annex these 1.3 million Arabs it will not be a Jewish state any more, but a bizonal state, a Palestine. It will be the end of the Zionist enterprise." Begin quickly retorted: "At least say 'God forbid' when you say that. What is the matter with you? Zionism will live for ever. Israel will live for ever." He went on to promise that he would put more settiements on the West Bank.

In the light of what Begin has done and said over the past four years there is a common belief among the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza that under a new Begin government there will be simply no hope of self-determination or any other form of Arab rule. They also believe that with a slender majority of perhaps only two votes in the Knesset Begin will begin at once to prepare for the next election by raising tension and fostering extremism among the Israeli voters. This is something the Palestinians fear. Israeli settlers who used to steal planted Arab lands by night will be doing it openly soon.

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# BUSINESS HORIZON

# The new income tax law

By Fahed Fanek

THE DRAFT for the new income tax law was published as an invitation for public debate. The draft was met, as must be expected, with mixed

responses. On the favourable side, the new law gave more exemptions and reliefs to certain categories of taxpayers such as: increasing personal exemption to JD 400, wife to JD 200, each child with no limitation on number of children to JD 100, dependents JD 100 each for a maximum number of two and for each son or daughter one has studying at a university to JD 500.

50 per cent of salaries and wages of public sector employees and 25 per cent of private sector employees continued to be exempted over and above the personal and family allowances mentioned above.

The acceleration of tax rate was slowed down by spreading the brackets of income from JD 400 to JD 1000 or JD 2000 each. The maximum rate being 40 per cent instead of 50 per cent. Roughly speaking the above measures will result in cutting personal tax by half.

On the corporate tax, the new law was less generous. However, tax was reduced on industrial and manufacturing activities to 30 per cent, whereas the highest rate of 45 per cent was reserved for banks and financial institutions.

The law also accepted certain costs that were previously disputed, such as key money, amortisation of preliminary expenses and bad and doubtful debts. This means that the law is now closer to the accepted

accounting principles in defining net profit.

On the other hand, the new law expanded areas of taxable incomes which were either doubtful or not subject to tax, such as: profits of a nonrecurring transaction, interest on banks deposits received from abroad, key money received, capital profits of real estate if in excess of 10 per cent per annum, export profits and finally any other income whatsoever if not specifically exempted by the law.

Foreign airlines selling tickets or air waybills in Jordan are now liable to income tax. The lawmaker, however, realised that airlines do not normally make profits, and when they do, it is very difficult to allocate to countries. Accord-

ingly tax was made a percentage of the sales. Same principle will be applied to sea freight collected by agents of shipping companies in Jordan

The law was rather harsh in dealing with public accountants, and imposed very heavy punishments in case of their failure to comply with the provisions of the income tax law by assisting their customers in illegally averting tax. The director general of the Income Tax Department has the right to disqualify any publicaccountant in case of alleged: maipractices.

The draft of income tax law was definitely a long awaited step forward. The controversy which it has created was normal. It is hoped that the new law will be issued soon.



# Democracy: An art that needs technology

Poland's recent Communist Party congress tested the limits of democracy within a one-party state. Roger Boyes asks how far other East Bloc countries will be willing or able to permit a similar trend.

WARSAW: According to the secret ballot for the Central unwritten rules of communist party congresses, delegates are supposed to behave themselves, stay awake, take notes during the major speeches and, at the appropriate times, shower loud bosannas on the leadership. It is

an undemanding role. In Poland last month the rules were bent and even disregarded altogether. Delegates shouted from the floor, much as if they were back home in the regional shipyard committees: "Nonsense," some of them yelled. "You've skipped a few paragraphs," or "What is this motion supposed to mean?" The party leaders looked tired, like parents after a particularly wearing Sun-

day outing. For the first time, delegates were elected by secret ballot in real contests against real competition. It was not really clear what this would mean until the first day of the Congress, when suddenly the delegates began to rip up all the normal schedules. Then, on the Friday night, came the ultimate democratic revolt: a Committee effectively swept out all but four members of the ruling Politburo.

The word democracy, however, has to be used with a certain amount of caution. Poland remains in effect a one party state, its parliament lacks fundamental governing powers - these are vested, as in all East European states. in the Politburo and the Central .Committee of the party - and some of the old habits of media control are taking a long time to

Non-communist journalists were excluded from the Congress hall. They were cooped up like experimental rabbits in a press centre to wait for approved doses of the democratic Congress to be transmitted by closed circuit television. During the reading of the Central Committee results, the volume disappeared from the television sets for several minutes. blocking out unauthorised infor-

Polish journalists have learned to live with this news management for some time. "As usual," said one, "we are watching history without sound."

Still, consider the democratic innovations both in the running of the Congress and in the evolving attitude to society. Apart from an important vote on procedures, secret balloting was held throughout the Congress - that is, for a number of Party bodies, for the Central Committee and then after the Central Committee had drawn up a list of candidates, for the First

Secretary. All this is new for a Communist Party Congress - and it bred some of the techniques that have come to be associated more with U.S. party conventions. Sectional lobbying for political advantage was especially acute, with the hard line Katowice Forum active on the floor and behind the scenes.

As in Western conventions, too, rhetorical skill began to play a role. In most Communist Party congresses, speeches rambling in form and structure can last for three hours or more. In the Warsaw "reform" congress, the most applause came for a passionate speech from the liberal reformer, Mr. Miecvslaz Rakowski, the vice premier. As a result, he won a great many more votes than other leading liberal reformers, including Mr. Tadeusz Fishbach, the Gdansk first secretary, who failed to win a seat on the Central Com-

The most noticeable difference between the Warsaw congress and other such party gatherings in the communist world was the spirit of resistance against manipulation by the party leaders. A deep suspicion of the lead-

ership even extended to the possible manipulation of the vote counting: delegates insisted that the counting should be done by abacus rather than by the computer of Poland's Academy of Sciences. Not all the delegates were happy at the resulting delays, which left much of Poland's crisis programme undiscussed. "It's not enough to learn the art of democracy," said one senior Gdansk delegate. "We must learn the technology as well."

The delegates' strength went beyond the power of the veto -they seemed to be genuinely intouch with the party at the grasstoots level. Some delegates, for example, returned to their hotel at night after the final session and recorded their version of the day's proceedings. The tape was then flown home to be discussed by factory committees.

Is this system of representative delegates -- now formally endorsed in the new party statutes truly effective, and could it be

exported to other East European countries? It is too early to pass definitive judgment on the depth of the democratisation in the Polish party, but some of the weaknesses of the present new system. have already emerged.

Although the idea of changing the party statutes was to shift more influence to the rank and file, the net effect of the congress elections is to concentrate power in the hands of the four surviving Politburo members - Mr. Kania himself, Mr. Kazimierz Barcikowski, Mr. Stefan Olszowski and Mr. Wojiech Jaruzelski, the premier.

The eleven newcomers to the

Politburo, many of whom are relatively inexperienced workers, all live outside Warsaw. That will probably mean that much dayto-day decision-making will devolve on the Central Committee Secretariat, whose members are permanently based in the capital. Effective power will therefore rest with the experienced party administrators at the top of the tree. The question of whether

Poland's democratic reforms can be exported is a particularly wor- sacrifices and too independent i rying one for the rest of the Soviet subordinate their ideas to the still bloc which fears, naturally ing principles of democratic con enough, the erosion of party influ- tralism". It is difficult, though, to see how From The Financial Times

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#### Declaring war on Jamaica's billion marijuana business

By Paget Defreitss

KINGSTON, Jamaica -Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga has decided to crack down on the island's illegal billiondollar marijuana business despite its key economic role.

Before his election victory last October, Mr. Seaga said that with violence, industrial unrest and scarce foreign exchange, the marijuana export money was keeping

the Jamaican economy affoat. But National Security Minister Winston Spaulding said last week the government was declaring war

on the smugglers. Mr. Spaulding has ordered sec-

urity personnel on searchand-destroy missions, which government officials said were successful.

Jamaica's earnings from marijuana are several times higher than the combined earnings of all other agricultural exports, which last year stood at just over \$93.5 million.

They are also well ahead of the \$106 million derived from the tourist industry in 1980.

Thousands of tons of the drug leave the country each year, mainly aboard light aircraft from the numerous illegal landing strips across the island.

The destination is usually

Florida, less than two hours flying time away.

Recently, United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officials told a U.S. congressional committee that Jamaica had become the fastest growing supplier of marijuana to the United States, second only to Colombia.

The role of the illegal money in the economy was highlighted last year by a pre-election crisis which combined rampant violence and labour unrest with a drop in industrial output caused by a lack of foreign exchange to buy spare parts and raw materials.

Mr. Seaga, then leader of the opposition, said marijuana money

was keeping the economy afloat. Withdraw that source and the country would go under, he said. Soon after his election victory

The prime minister said that, while he would not legitimise the sale of marijuana, neither could he prohibit it because "the extent of the sale is such that the security forces are not big enough to deal

With the change in official policy, public debate has centred on the economic repercussions of a curb in the trade.

Dr. Carl Stone, a political scientist at the University of the West Indies and a newspaper columnist, wrote:

"The growers and the traders are expressing great anger, hostility and bitterness that the new government seems bent on fulfilling a deal with U.S. President Ronald Reagan to curb the ganja trade to the U.S."

Dr. Stone said if the United States wanted Jamaica to halt a lucrative business, it should provide funds commensurate with those which would be lost.

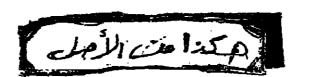
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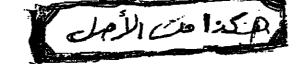
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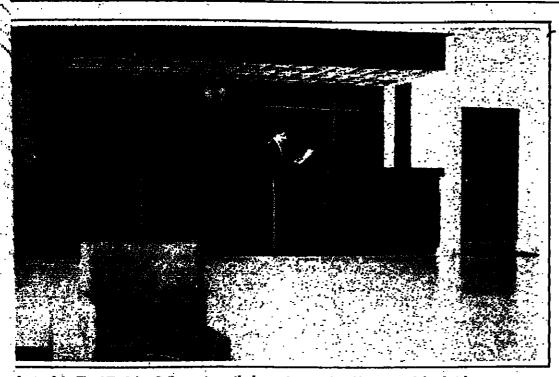
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dents of the Hotel Training College get practical experience at its 100-room training hotel.

# A college to meet

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MAN - A new Hotel Train-College which opened in man this year will fill the gap ted by the shortage of trained el staff in Jordan, and throughthe Middle East.

a bid to meet the tourism nands in Jordan and hbouring countries, the colwas converted into a regional ting centre in June, and is now y to train people of diverse

Jordan, the hotel industry n of the last five years has ed hoteliers to resort to the of foreign manpower to with the increase in the number of hotel rooms and the larger number of tourists.

At the moment, surveys show that only 46 per cent of all hotel workers in Jordan are Jordanians. And the average ratio of hotel workers to hotel beds is presently 0.35 to one, while the international standard stands at 0.7 to

Surveys conducted by International Labour Organisation (ILO) experts in hotel training have shown that there is a shortage of skilled manpower. This is expected to become more acute with the hotel industry's continued growth.

But with the opening of the new training college in Amman, hopes

Now, tourists can look forward. to the welcoming smile of a Jordanian hotel staff member, displaying Jordan's renowned hos-

pitality.

The \$7 million college is situated off the Fifth Circle in Jabal Amman. The giant complex, occupying a 15,000-square-metre piece of land, defies comparison with any other modern edifice in the world, lt comprises three blocks -- a 100-bed training hotel which will be used commercially by August: a teaching and administrative block, and a students' dormitory block.

Two hundred and forty-seven students -- three of them girls are currently receiving free training at the college. On top of that

they are given a monthly allowance of JD 18 each, supplied by the Ministry of Education.

The college's director, Mr. Nazih Dabbas, commented: "we are still not satisfied with the participation of girls in this field. But the Jordanian girl is restricted by social traditions and customs."

The college's administrators, in an effort to attract more students, have been carrying on campaigns in schools, and the students' response, so far, has been satisfactory.

"The college's main objective is to train local manpower in hotel industry and management," Mr. Dabbas told the Jordan Times. In a country where natural resources are scarce, the human element is the most valuable asset, he added.

Hotels in Jordan have been trying to offer more to their clients. and they are now doing a good business -- "But they are desperately in need of trained personnel," says Mr. Adnan Habboo, the ILO chief deputy advisor now working at the college. Mr. Habboo and Mr. Dabbas together pioneered in the launching of the college.

#### Weak points

For years, the weak points in Jordan's tourism industry have been a lack of hotel space and a shortage of qualified personnel, While the problem of hotel space has been partially solved, in view of the increase in the number of hotel rooms, the problem of turning out trained personnel for the booming hotel industry is still

"The new college will eventually take care of our problems," Mr. Habboo said, Since 1974, the relatively small

Hotel Training Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh has tried to fill the gap. Over 500 graduates have completed the basic courses given there, and are now working in the field. A full 90 per cent of the centre's graduates have found work in Jordan, and the other 10 per cent have gone abroad for further training. Scholarships are given to outstanding students or employees in Switzerland, England, Austria. Ireland, Italy and

The new college, however, will conduct more comprehensive programmes. It will offer various types of courses, such as apprenticeship and other specialised courses for a study period of nine months.

A three-year traditional course has already started this year, and the students are enjoying a different class routine than their counterparts in other secondary schools in Jordan.

The routine and boredom that many students feel at school are unknown at the college, since the curriculum is flexible and offers a wide variety of subjects. The three-year course offers the students training in accommodation, kitchen, restaurant and bar services. This training runs sideby-side with the formal academic courses required by the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Dabbas said: "In 1983, when the first batch of students graduates, they will sit for two exams -- the ordinary but slightly modified tawjihi exam, and another set by the college administrators."

The college will also conduct a two-year middle management course specialising either in

accommodation or food and beverage, and on-the-job informal training for day release workers and trainees from the industry

The college has a projected capacity of 240 students, turning out 80 graduates every year in a three-year course cycle.

Facilities include a teaching block with fully - equipped classrooms and laboratories; an amphitheatre for seminars, and a special auditorium for audiovisual aids. There are also dining rooms and public areas, where the students can spend their free time.

#### Training hotel

What sets the college apart, however, is the 100-room training hotel, which provides a unique opportunity for the trainees.

With its restaurant, coffee shop, bar, lounge, lobby, terrace. swimming pool, tennis court and telex services, the hotel offers the trainees a real chance to try themselves out. Its spectacular kitchens, with their model service and storage facilities, are expected to turn out not only gourmet dishes, but skilled chefs as well.

Mr. Habboo, who has been working in the hotel industry for

The teaching block has fully-equipped classrooms and laboratories.

over 15 years, said: "The hotel they say. Now, they have a plan to will be run as a commercial and a training centre, where students will be trained and supervised as

Mr. Dabbas and Mr. Habboo have ambitious plans for the future. "But we still have to study the market and know its needs,"

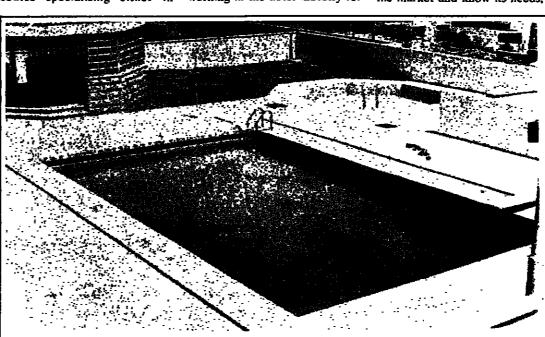
start a tourist guide course at the college, and in the future, they hope to set up a housewife gourmetcourse, "since we have been asked to do that by enthusiastic Jordanian females," Mr. Habboo

The college is the result of the combined efforts of five international and Jordanian bodies the Ministry of Education, the ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) and the ILO. The Hotel Training Centre has

been operating under the auspices of the UNDP and ILO. The Hotel Training College will continue to receive financial and technical assistance from those two bodies until 1983. "By that time, we hope we will

be able to stand on our own feet," Mr. Dabbas said, "because oy then, our first graduates will be working, *inshalla!*"

Mr. Habboo concluded, "It is hoped that the in-service training employees are now receiving at their work will fill the gap, and meet the demands of the hotel industry, until the time comes when we will have ample and effi-



Swimming pool at the training hotel, to open commercially very soon. (Staff photos by Harout Balikgean) cient local hotel staff.

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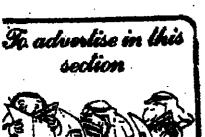
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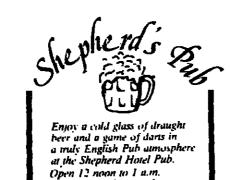
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# ECONOMY

# Stavros Niarchos rides the shipbuilding slump

By Victor Walker

ATHENS: It helps, when running a shipyard, if the founder and owner is Stavros Niarchos. Whenever there is a slack period, out goes a distress call, and an anxious watch on the horizon is soon rewarded with the welcome sight of a Niarchos tanker steaming in

LONDON EXCHANGE

RATES

LONDON, Aug. 7 (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates

for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of

trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

1.2414/17

2.5310/25

2.1830/60

41.40/50

2.8150/8200

6.0700/0800

5.3550/3600

7.9950/8.000

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234.50/235.00

It helps, too, when the balance sheet is drawn up. Niarchos, an extremely wealthy man, did not press the panic button over losses of six or eight million dollars the range reported by his Hellenic Shipyards at Skaramanga in 1978 and 1979 — or cry over a couple of years without dividends.

But the real secret at Hellenic, which has not been immune to the world shipbuilding recession, and the rise in Far Eastern competition, is the yard's unusual labour relations record: 21 years of operation and not one hour lost as a result of an industrial dispute.

The yard is perhaps fortunate in that its 6.000 employees, manual and clerical, are represented by a single, exclusive trade union: apart from making negotiating easier, it rules out inter-union joc-

The Union of Workers and

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Employees of Hellenic Shipyards collects monthly dues of five drachmas from each of its 3,800 members. That, and the proceeds from sports and social events, gives it an annual income of between Drs 400,000 and 450,000 (about \$7,000). In the normal run of trade union activities, that would be the strike fund; at Hellenic, it all goes on extra assistance

Dimitri Rentoumis, now in his fourth year as union chairman, savs he cannot think of a situation in which his seven-member council would call a strike. Problems of trade unionism "outside the gates" stay there, he says, adding that there is nothing that cannot be solved through direct negotiation with the management.

to sick, injured and retired mem-

Hellenic last year turned in a net profit of \$2.7 million on a tur-

Canadian dollar:

Dutch guilders

Swiss francs

Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

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and 1977 it made net profits of \$13 million and \$11.4 million respectively, then plunged into the red with losses of \$6.4 million in 1978 and \$8 million in 1979.

Even in the bad years, there were no layoffs. Costis Dracopoulos, the chairman, says that was because of the yard's basically sound financial position net reserves stand at \$99 million. But it was, above all, he says, a policy decision; the no-strike record is matched by the no-layoff record with reciprocal obligations.

Hellenic's origins can be traced back to 1957 and the game of one-up-manship played for the best part of two decades between Niarchos and the late Aristotle Onassis. The former was attracted by the idea of having his own yards, initially for repair, but later perhaps for building his own ships. Onassis for his part, countered with Olympic Airways.

In what Dracopoulos describes as "insurance against starting on the wrong foor", a Dutch group. NDSM Shipbuilding, was commissioned to design the Niarchos yard and a Belgian yard, Mercantile Marine, managed it during the first two years of operation. Most of those holding senior positions today, including

sterling weakness, dealers said.

U.S. and Canadians were mixed.

under Belgian supervision.

The build-up came slowly and 500,000-ton graving dock, commissioned only in August 1977.

yard's investment put at about been expected to go to a state \$260 million, Hellenic is today yard. among the biggest single private businesses in Greece, as well as

thing under 8 per cent.

In addition it has built 10 patrol cautiously, with the last addition, a craft for Greek Government services and four French-designed missile boats for the navy-all With the current value of the orders that might logically have

In the missile deal. Dracopoulos says" We undercut the French and the first heavy industry set up will come out no better than even,

Workers at the Stavros Niarchos-owned Hellenic Shipyards are paid as much as double the Greek national collective agreement for metalworking industries - one reason Hellenic has managed to survive the shipbuilding industry's storms without strikes.

there since World War Two. It has so far built one 25,000 ton tanker, the World Hope, for Niarchos interests, 27 freighters, designed by Austin and Pickersgill of the U.K., 19 bulk carriers, nine of them for the Niarchos Group, and five product carriers, representing in all 1.192,000 deadweight tons.

In the last 20 years, it has also repaired 4,787 ships totalling more than 182 million dwt, with

**LONDON STOCK MARKET** 

LONDON, Aug. 7 (R) — Equities ended steady in quiet trading dealers said, and at 1500 the F.T. index was a 0.4 at 534.8.

Gold shares ended higher although off their best levels as the

bullion price eased after an overnight rally. Gains of around 100

cents were noted in heavyweight issues. Government bonds closed slightly easier on balance in slow trading following further

Industrial leaders were mixed with a firmer bias and gains of 3p

were noted in GEC Guest Keen and Vickers, while ICI was

unchanged at 274p. Thorn was active, up a net 9p 475p, while

Racal gained 5p. Ofrex group was 10p higher at 175p following

RTZ ended a net 2p higher at 593p while mineral resources

Banks and insurances were dull, and oils closed narrowly mixed

with B.P. down 2p at 320p, while Shell added a similar amount to

gave back part of an earlier 30p gain to end 20p higher at 675p.

the announcement Gallaher had further increased its offer.

but we gain experience and pre-

stige."
In sipte of the difficult climate, the yard is still fairly busy, carrying out orders for 10 30,000 dwt product carriers, worth \$240 million, and two missile boats for the Greek Navy. In addition, negotiations are near completion for an order of six 45,000 dwt bulk carriers for Niarchos' other interests. which would bring the order book to 570,000 dwt and provide work for 1985.

Hellenic's 1980 return to profit was achieved despite paying 500 workers for doing nothing for a month; idle time totalled a staggering 119,000 manhours — but described by Dracopoulos as within acceptable limits".

This year started no better with idle time in the first quarter equal to paying 500 workers for doing nothing for 12 days.

On the whole layoffs are avoided through the yard's unusually high average wastage figure of 500 a month, mostly apprentices and unskilled personnel, equal to close on 10 per cent of the workforce. This is due in part to the Greek dream of being one's own master — "people come here. stav a year or two to learn a trade, then

move back to their villages to set up their own little business", says Dracopoulos.

In boom times this might be doubtful economics, but in slack times it means that sackings can be dispensed with.

Rentoumis says that take-home pay of some of his union members is as much as 100 per cent above rates set in the national collective agreement for metalworking industries, and there are generous fringe benefits, such as medical aid, scholarships and cheap shoping facilities.

Annual wage increases matching national averages, but granted without haggling maintain the differential.

Says Rentoumis: "The extremists have given up on us. They came out three or four times, demonstrated outside the main gate, and we saw them off. Now they think we're creatures of Niarchos, but all we want is to be left

alone to enjoy what we have." An example of how this pays off for the yard came earlier this year, when the government introduced a five-day week for the public sec-tor and "advised" its extension to private industry.

Christopher Calids, vice chairman of Hellenic, says "No owner is going to bring a ship in for repairs unless he knows a yard works Saturdays and Sundays, and no yard can pay overtime two days a week and stay competitive. So when the union came and said 'What about us?' we said 'It's up to you, of course, but do you really want a nine-hour day in the summer? Do you think you could stand it?' (Shade temperatures at Skaramanga can reach 110 degrees F in July and August.) They went away, talked it over with the membership, then said 'No thanks, we think we'll stick with six days at 71/2 hours'."

Rentoumis agrees. "We're still talking about it. We're divided. But if we do decide we want it, we know that all we have to do is to

Hellenic weathered its two-year kers). crisis, Dracopoulos believes, because of its flexibility in switching between repairs and the construction of new ships - in 1980. repairs accounted for about 75 per

cent of the year's work. of 8 per cent of our repair jobs, but the important thing is that he brings his ships in when we need them most, to help us out of a slack period," Dracopoulos says. "He gave us the initial push with the order for 'World Hope', he used his contacts to get us repair orders from the oil companies, and he gave us courage in early days none of us had had anything to do

with shipvards." And what of the future? On the one hand, "during the bad years most owners skimped on maintenance, to minimise expenses, and we're already getting some of the backlog, plus work in connection with "IGS" and "COW" (installation of the inert gas system and crude oil washing on some tan-

"On the other hand," continues Dracopoulos, "Greek shipowners are not sentimental where prices are concerned. Europe, including us, is about 20 per cent more expensive than Singapore - we'te "Niarchos gives us an average. a bit cheaper than north Europe yards and comparable with Portugal -- and then there is the question of making a detour. There's some margin for tankers, but not many dry cargoes come normalie to this part of the Mediterrean.

> For the most European shipbuilding yards, Dracopoulos says, "the only real hope of survival is a new shipping boom." Only then, he suggests, will yards with relatively high costs be able to compete, by offering early delivery.

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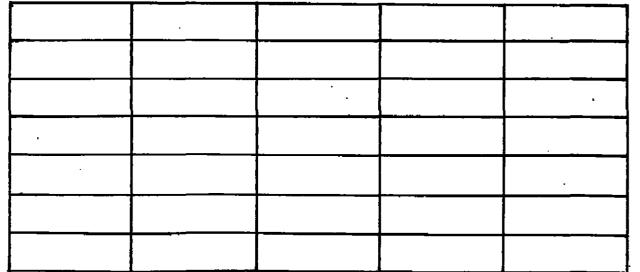
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# ottish football season kicks off

# cottish soccer fans' 11-week fast is over

SGOW, Aug. 7(R) - Scots impatient soccer fans can ully throw their little used clubs, tennis racquets, runshoes and the like into the est corner of the nearest cupd for another year tomor-

eir long wait is over. Football k in the shape of the Scottish ue Cup, somewhat surigly won by Dundee United ie past two years.

is only 11 weeks since last n ended with Scotland beatngland, the "old enemy", 1-0 'embley. And this football nation will be looking for ar cause for celebration this

Scotland have all but qualified for the World Cup finals in Spain

in the European Cup, a torphy they won in such exhilerating style in 1967, against Juventus of Italy. Manager Billy McNeill, capped 29 times, made just one move into the transfer market in the clase

season, signing Aberdeen central defender Willie Garner for a bargain fee of £50,000. Garner was rated in the

£250,000 class till he lost his place to current international Alex

pitch was still unplayable today.

Northamptonshire went through

by virtue of its faster scoring rate.

Wayne Larkins, 81 not out when

play was halted, was named man of the match. Northamptonshire

now plays Lancashire with Essex

away to Derbyshire in the other

England international winger

Peter Barnes Leeds club record of

£930,000. A leeds club official confirmed the transfer after it had

looked in doubt earlier in the day

because the board of directors had

been against such a high price for one player. However, they

approved the £750,000 fee plus

VAT (Value Added Tax) and the

Football League levy after West

Brom agreed the payment could

be spread over a longer period

than was originally intended. "The board have supported man-ager Allan Clarke," the club

spokesman said. Leed's previous

transfer record was the £400,000 paid to Sheffield for Argentine midfield player Alex Sabella last

next summer and, for once, their club sides look capable of making their mark in Europe. Celtic spearhead the challenge

Dukla Prague.

Greig made the most surprising signing of the summer when he paid English Fourth Division club Mansfield a reported £150,000 for Northern Ireland fullback John McClelland.

broken leg.

Dundee United have long been considered the most attractive side in the land though their lack of punch up front led critics to say they would be world-beaters if only football was played without

McLeish because of a badly

Across the city of Glasgow, Rangers' manager John Greig is

preparing for the Cup-Winners'

up tie against Czechoslovaks

goalposts. The team to watch, however. could be 1980 champions Aberdeen who will start favourites to win the League Cup.

Manager Alex Ferguson paid £350,000 for St. Mirren's international winger Peter Weir. He will also welcome back midfield Duo Gordon Strachan, footballer of the year in 1980, and John McMaster, missed most of last season with injuries.

Weir, Strachan and McMaster lined up together for the first time last weekend when Aberdeen thumped English First Division sides West Ham and Southampton 3-0 and 5-1.

Those results will not have gone unnoticed at Ipswich, the UEFA Cup holders, who begin their defence of the Trophy against Peanuts Aberdeen.

Scotland's big four have been drawn in different sections of the League Cup and it would be a major surprise if they do not fill the semifinal places.

# Cornelia Hanisch retains the women's foil title



CLERMONT-FERRAND (DaD) — Comelia Hanisch, a 29year-old college teacher from Offenbach, Federal Republic of Germany, retained in Clermont-Ferrand, France, the women's foil title she first won at the 1979 world fencing championships in Melbourne, Australia. She clearly beat Jujie Luan of China in the final but her make-or-break bout was the semi-final against Dorina Vaccaroni, 17, from Italy. She and coach Horst-Christian Tell spent months preparing for this one encounter in which she came back from 6-5 down to win.

# THE BETTER HALF By Vinson

"He'll never have to worry about job 'burnout.' The dimmer the bulb, the longer it lasts."

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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#### British sports briefs ing another 21 for victory in nine overs. Rain ruled out play yesterday and the umpires ruled the

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CHARLES H. GOREN 51981 by Chicago Tribune

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you hold: +A108 VA9 0QJ8 +QJ982 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 10 Pass 2 Pass 3 4 Pass ?

Look for answers on Monday.

What do you bid now?

# Despite previous disasters, Fastnet race entry is large

COWEY, Isle of Wight, England, Aug. 7 (A.P.) — Two years ago 2-metre waves and hurricane-force winds turned the Fastnet Yacht Race into the worst disaster in the history of ocean racing. Fifteen lives were lost, and 24 boats abandoned or sunk.

Undaunted, the world's crack helmsmen are back in large numbers for the 1981 event, which starts tomorrow afternoon in the waters of the Solent, off the Isle of Wight in the English Channel.

The yachts that will spend the next three to four days racing to Ireland's Fastnet Rock and back to the finish line in Plymouth will be under much tighter control than in 1979, as well as constant Royal Navy escort.

Held every other year and the last of the races in the Admiral Cup series contested by teams from 16 nations, the 1981 Fastnet has attracted 270 entries, compared with 302 boats in the ill-fated 1979 event. This year's entry was expected to be down because of more stringent qualifications.

"By tomorrow they will have dropped to about 240," said spokes-

man Ian Porter of the sponsoring Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) because of last-minute withdrawals.

We're encouraged by the size of the fleet," Porter said, noting that 80 per cent of the entries also competed two years ago.

The RORC and Royal Yachting Association, after an inquiry into the 1979 mayhem, found fault with the design of the modern, lightweight yachts and criticised crews for failing to have complied with

The RORC has implemented many detailed recommendations from the inquiry and tightened qualifications. Changes include: -- All yachts must have radio transmitters. In 1979 many boats were unable to signal that they were in trouble.

- The skipper and half the crew of each yacht must have taken part in qualifying ocean races aboard their boat this season. In the disaster year, many vessels carried inexperienced crewmen.

- Main hatches must be lockable from inside and outside. Several sinkings in 1979 were blamed on lost washboards.

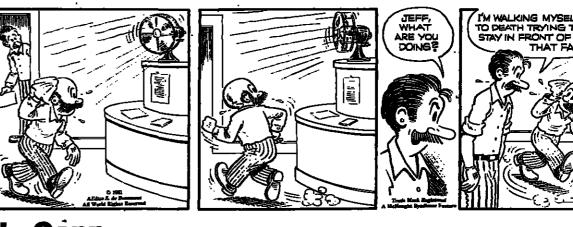








# Mutt 'n' Jeff



# **Andy Capp**







#### FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 1981

# YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to stress care and caution in business matters. Showing a diplomatic attitude with others brings fine results at this time. Keep in a cheerful frame of mind.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Attend to those accumulated duties now instead of becoming involved in something new. Make plans for the coming week.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may want to contact friends who can assist you but this is not the right day for such. Control your temper at all times today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Ideal day to engage in civic affairs and gain prestige. New duties crop up which could give you added income. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine day for

studying new ideas that could lead to more abundance in the future. Think constructively. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Use your own good judgment

today and get excellent results. Make a greater effort to please loved one at this time. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Meet with associates and

thresh out any misunderstandings and make the future brighter and more profitable. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have many duties to perform and you should attend to them instead of spen-

ding time on less important matters. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have creative ideas that could be profitable in the future. A good time to

engage in your favorite hobby. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Give more time and thought to improving your surroundings. Follow your

hunches which are accurate now. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Using sarcasm with others to prove a point is not wise. A good time to express your true talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Give more attention to personal financial matters now so that you can pay important bills Consult an expert for advice.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take time to engage in recreational activity with congenies. Take health treatments and improve your appearance.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be a compassionate person who could be a great help to society. The education should be directed along philosophical lines for best results. Give ethical training and much affection early in life.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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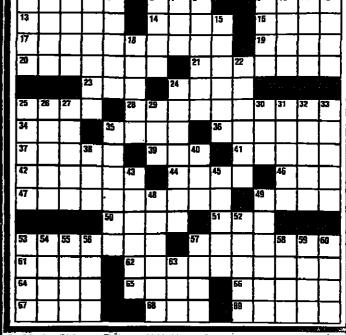
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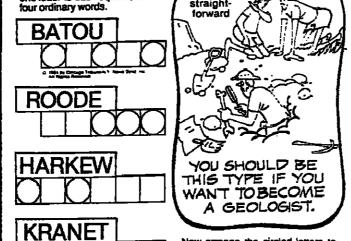
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# Polish situation deteriorates

WARSAW, Aug. 7 (R) — A four-hour warning strike over food shortages and alleged government inaction brought Poland's industrial heartland to a virtual standstill today.

Other protests were held or planned elsewhere in the country, as relations between the unions and the authorities deteriorated.

Nearly a million workers downed tools or stayed away from work in the Silesian mining and industrial region, closing 60 coal mines and all but essential enter-

A spokesman for the local branch of the independent union Solidarity said: "We cannot sit idly by with folded arms and watch the country sink deeper and deeper into economic chaos." He said the pressure for a strike

had been overwhelming, adding

# Iranian gendarmerie leader quits

LONDON, Aug. 7 (R) — Interior Minister Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani has accepted the resignation of Iran's paramilitary gendarmerie commander, Iran state radio said today.

The radio, monitored by Reuters, gave no reason for the resignation of Col. Hassan Ali Forouzan but the gendarmerie had come under criticism recently for failing to prevent attacks on prominent politicians and cler-

gymen. The radio reported yesterday that some Majlis (parliament) deputies had attacked the gendarmerie for not doing enough to protect Iranian leaders.

A Majlis deputy and founder member of Iran's ruling Islamic Republican Party (IRP), Dr. Hassan Ayat, was the latest assassination victim on Wednesday.

The gendarmene was a major security force under the Shah but Islamic revolutionary guards. usurped many of its responsibilities after the Feb. 1979

Minister Gerhard Baum said

the Office for Protection of the

Constitution, West Germany's

domestic intelligence agency, Mr.

violence became clear in 1980."

extreme rightists claimed 17 lives

over the year while another 19 people were killed by extremists in West Germany's large immigrant

arson attacks almost doubled to

77 in 1980 and rose again dramat-

ically in the first half of this year.

by the increase in political vio-

lence within West Germany's

Turkish, Iranian and Croatian

There were also growing signs

this year of an increase in terrorist

acts directly sponsored by foreign

He did not elaborate but the

report detailed an attempt by Iraqi

diplomats to blow up Kurdish

exiles in West Berlin and the mur-

der of a Libyan exile in Bonn by

agents of Col. Muammar Qadh-

Pointing to attacks on the Ira-

nian embassy in Bonn and its con-

sulate in West Berlin this week,

"As a result of the removal of

President Bani-Sadr and the grow-

ing power struggle in Iran, I expect

that 1981 will see an increase in

political violence by Iranian

'The last week's events have

The report said number of

active Iranian extremists in West

Germany doubled to nearly 2,000

Answering questions, the minis-

ter said he was also aware of acts

of violence in this country by sup-

porters of Iran's fundamentalist

declined to give details.

Islamic government. But he

Mr. Baum said the government

was determined to use all the

means at its disposal to combat

foreign extremists in West Ger-

Mr. Baum said he also expected

more violence this year in the

Turkish community, by far the

biggest immigrant group in West

Germany, following a brief

decline in extremist activity after

extremist groups in this country.

given us a foretaste of this."

aff's Tripoli government.

Mr. Baum said:

last year.

governments, the minister said.

communities.

Mr. Baum said he was worried

community, the report said. Although no one died in leftist actions, Mr. Baum said the number of left-wing bombing and

Attacks by neo-Nazis and other

"A growing readiness to use

Baum told a news conference:

Presenting the annual report of

that many workers had urged the union to extend the stoppage.

In Piotrkow-Trybunalski, southern Poland, workers staged a one-hour strike, and hunger striker marches were due to be held in the former royal capital Krakow and in the southern 'owns of Tarnow and Zakopane.

The Silesian strike took place after union-government talks aimed at defusing tension over food shortages and other grievances ended inconclusively, with each side blaming the other for the

The government, in the toughest attack on Solidarity for a long time, accused the union of arrogance and offensive behaviour and called its attitude "a singular manifestation of ill-

It said in a statement: "The behaviour of Solidarity's praeidium is a saddening example of irresponsibility and deliberate action to hurt the interests of the state, society and the nation which are self-evident to every thinking

The statement, carried early this morning by the official news agency, PAP, said; continued demonstrations and "suicidal" strikes would only make it more difficult, if not impossible, to overcome the crisis.

A Solidarity spokesman said the union was puzzled by the sharpness of the attack, and expressed the hope that it did not reflect the government's future stand.

The spokesman, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, said he hoped the government would accept the union's invitation to attend a meeting of Solidarity's leadership in Gdansk on Monday to discuss the talks.

The union expected the authorities to continue talking to it in an effort to find a solution satisfactory to both sides, he told a press conference.

Earlier Solidarity dismissed the government's charge that it had caused the breakdown of the talks, by rejecting a communique after it

active in right-and left-wing

Mr. Baum sàid there were links

between the West German neo-

Nazi "Military Sports Group

Hoffmann," which he banned last

year, and the Palestine Liberation

Members of the group led by

Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, 43,

Extremist groups last year.

Organisation (PLO).

Terrorism rises in W. Germany

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Turks in West Germany were

had been agreed by both sides, quoted two Polish communists as arguing that the government had made last-minute changes.

However the mild wording of the Solidarity statement and the spokesman's reaction to the government attack suggested that Solidarity was seeking to cool the situation.

The union communique said the two delegations led by Deputy Prime Minister Mieczysław Rakowski and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa had reached some agreement during yesterday's 10-hour talks.

Soviet alarm

The Soviet Union today published an attack on Solidarity, indicating Moscow's growing unease over strikes in Poland. In a report from Warsaw, the Communist Party daily Pravda

## Pianist steals priceless letters

VIENNA, Aug. 7 (R) — Priceless letters from Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner, Pablo Casals and other famous musicians have been stoien from the showrooms of Vienna's most prestigious piano firm, a company spokesman said today.

The letters, as well as signed portraits of Liszt and Johannes Brahms, were missing from the practice room of the Boesendorfer piano company on Saturday after a young American had tested some of the company's grand pianos, he said.

according to Boesendorfer tradition was allowed to practise alone after normal business hours, later left for Nice, France. He is now being sought through the international police organisation inter-

"The trust we have shown pianists for 153 years had never been misused," the spokesman said. "We left him in peace and he was able to stash away these small things in peace."

The six letters, which were not insured because they were unique, were part of a collection of greetings from famous musicians that Boesendorfer has hanging in its practice room.

BONN, Aug. 7 (R) — Political last year's military coup in Ank-received military training in PLO camps in Lebanon and helped Hoffmann export used military vehicles to that country, the report

> Hoffmann is in custody awaiting trial on charges of forming a terrorist organisation.

The interior minister also said that communist countries intensified their espionage in West Germany last year. In 70 per cent of detected cases, East Germany was behind the spying.

saying: "More and more people now see and understand that extremists in Solidarity are leading the country to an abyss."

There was no direct mention of the wave of demonstrations and strikes of the past few days in protest at food shortages. But western diplomats said the

report was clearly intended to underline the Kremlin's alarm over the latest developments and to express its view of who is responsible. The two Poles, described by

Pravda as workers in a Warsaw telephone factory, accused Solidarity of "exploiting economic difficulties caused by their own strikes" and blocking attempts by the authorities to overcome the country's difficulties.

The report also hit out at the communist party. It quoted one of the workers as complaining that an emergency party congress last month had failed to produce a concrete programme for recovery.

The Soviet media have issued no reports of the latest turbulence in Poland and diplomats said the Pravda article may also have been intended to give Soviet citizens some scant information on the In Czechoslovakia, another

newspaper article called today for action by the Polish leadership to halt trouble-making by Solidarity.

Statement: 'Meet us half way'

# IRA appeals to London

ing inmates at the Maze prison appealed to the British government today to "meet us half way" and help solve the fivemonth-old hunger strike stand-off, which has claimed eight lives.

In a statement issued on their behalf by supporters, who said it was smuggled out of the topsecurity prison, the jailed guer-rillas insisted they did not want special treatment than other prisoners. They also omitted any reference to direct negotiations with the British, a previous condition set by the hunger strikers and refused by London.

At Britain's Northern Ireland Office, where officials were understood to be studying the statement, a spokesman said there was no immedaite government reaction.

But a government source, who spoke on condition he was not identified, was little impressed with the statement. "A cursory reading shows that

the prisoners' five demands remain the same," he said. "Their position isn't altered."

The statement said the pris-

BELFAST, Aug. 7 (A.P.) - Fast- tlement could not be reached and accused the British of "refusing to act sensibly. humanely or realistically.'

> It urged the British to "meet us half way" but the government source reiterated Britain's insistence that no concessions would be made. "We have said many times the government will not act under duress," he said.

Seven convicted guerrillas currently are refusing food and another is scheduled to join the fast Monday.

The longest surviving hunger striker, Irish Republican Army member Tom McIlwee, 23, convicted for a series of bombing attacks and sentenced to 20 years, was reported to be extremely weak on his 61st day without food. Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's political arm, said McIlwee's condition "continues to worry."

Some 14 of the relatives vesterday occupied the Dublin offices of Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald of the Irish Republic. Their action was staged when talks with him broke, down after two hours. Police were called, and while some of the protesters were escorted quietly out of the build-

## **WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Arsonists set woods ablaze in S.Italy

PORTOFINO, Italy, Aug. 7 (A.P.) - Huge forest fires raged along the fashionable Riviera and in southern Italy today and authorities said arsonists were responsible for most of the blazes Temperatures stayed at record levels, close to 104 Fahrenheit, which encouraged the fires to spread. A blaze that broke out on the mountain of Portofino was definitely the work of arsonists. local police reported. Dozens of volunteers, soldiers and fire. fighters were struggling to put out the fiames, which destroyed several hectares of timber and brushwood. In the crowded southern Italian resort of Punta Licosa, near Salerno, fire damaged several hectares of pine forest. Police reported some tourist village were threatened. Earlier this week, a huge fire forced evacuation of hundreds of tourists from a campground on Sardinia, while more fires were still raging in the province of Nuoro on the Italian island. A recent study showed that 270,000 hectares of wood were destroyed by fire in Italy over the past five years, while deforestation accounted for 66,000 hectares in the same period.

#### Two Afghanis executed in Iran

LONDON, Aug. 7 (R) — Two Afghan nationals, a man and a woman, have been executed in the northern Iranian city of Qazvin on charges of running brothels, Tehran radio has reported. The radio, monitored yesterday by the British Broadcasting Cor. poration (BBC), said the offenders were shot after the city's revolutionary tribunal convicted them of being involved in "in acts contrary to chastity and setting up centres for prostitution and pleasure." At least a dozen Afghmis have been put to death in Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution on charges of murder, drugdealing and sexual offences. The Iranian authorities say there are more than one million Afghan refugees in the country. Many of them fled to Iran after the Soviet-backed coup which brought the present Afghan government to power in 1980.

#### 2000 Chinese die of cancer every day

PEKING, Aug. 7 (R) - Nearly 2,000 people die of cancer in China every day, or about one person every one and a half minutes, according to an official Chinese newspaper. The weekly publication Peking Science and Technology said one in six men and one in 10 women in the world's most populous nation could expect to die of malignant tumours. Each year 700,000 people died of the disease. Of China's billion people, a million on average had cancer each year - 0.1 per cent of the population. The paper said cancer incidence appeared to be on the increase, but did not offer any explanation for this.

#### Jewish zealots clash with Israeli police

IERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (R) - Israeli police fired tear gas today to disperse Jewish zealots demonstrating against alledged descrration of ancient Jewish graves at an archaeological dig. The police moved into the ultra-orthodox Me'a She'arim quarter in Jerusalem after the zealots pelted vehicles and policemen with stones. But there were no reports of casualties or arrests. The demonstrators have alleged that the excavations near the Hok Wall, Judaism's holiest shrine, desecrated a cemetary dating back to the middle ages. Archaeologists reject the claim.

#### ANC suspected in port city bombing

PRETORIA, Aug. 7 (R) - Four people were slightly injured when a bomb exploded in the central shopping area of the Indian ocean port city of East London yesterday, police said. A police spokesman said the bomb, believed to be of Soviet origin, had been placed in a large flower pot. Shop windows were shattered and three women and a security guard were treated for shock and minor cuts, he said. Another East Coast city, Durban, has been the target of a series of bomb attacks, the most recent being two weeks ago when a car showroom was badly damaged. There have also been several sabotage attacks on railway lines. Police have blamed most of the incidents on the outlawed black African National Congress (ANC), and the spokesman said the ANC was thought to be responsible for yesterday's explosion.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (R) — The American air controllers' strike, a potential disaster for ailing airlines, could mean a bonanza for the country's flagging railways, catastrophe for gourments, and even a possible increase in interest rates.

The strike is costing the airlines a daily turnover of \$100 million but has given the trains an increase

in passengers of up to 20 per cent on some routes. Faced with delays, the airlines have begun refusing shipments of fresh lobsters and other perishable delicacies.

A long strike could also interfere with the movement of money among businessmen. Payments will be delayed by slowed mail deliveries, according to Larry Marks, executive vice president of Phoenix-Hecht Inc., a cash management consulting firm whose clients include most major U.S. banks.

"There is a possibility interest rates could be driven up if the strike is prolonged," he said. "If this goes on three weeks, I think you will see corporations turning to their banks (in search of loans to replace late payments for products.)".

The U.S. postal services say the country's mails, which carry most business payments, have so far been little affected by the strike and in New York the Federal Reserve, America's central bank, said it had experienced no major problems moving cheques.

But an economist said the strike could force the Federal Reserve Bank to sell more securities to ensure that banks had enough funds to cover increased loan requests and this could push up already high interest rates.

Besides widespread inconvenience, the strike has had apparently little effect so far on any business other than the airline industry and those directly reliant on it.

The airlines are flying only about two thirds of their normal 14,000 daily flights during the strike and losing an estimated \$100 million in revenues a day, according to a spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

One shipper said lobsters were being turned away by the airlines and an economist with the commerce department said dealers in perishable items, such as exotic flowers and lobsters, were expected to be hurt badly. Amtrak, the government railway, estimated its

trains were carrying 15 to 20 per cent more passengers on some routes since the strike began. It added trains between New York, Boston and A spokesman for Greyhound, the nation's biggest intercity bus company, reported business

increased as much as 50 per cent at some of its 134 terminals. Chicago, New York, San Francisco. and Los Angeles were among the cities with the biggest increases. The bus company, she said, had arranged with

some major airlines to exchange plane tickets for bus tickets and vouchers.

Economist Robert Frank of Cornell University said the most enduring effect of the strike could be an increased reluctance to strike among unions of public employees providing essential services.

"I think this will be a very clarifying episode." Prof. Frank said, noting the large fines sought and threat of mass firings imposed by the Reagan administration against the strikers. Strikes by government employees are illegal.

"This will solidify the sentiment against strikes by unions providing services regarded as essen-

# Genuine refugees and genuine adventurers

By Michael Fathers

BANGKOK — Thailand has decided that the thousands of Vietnamese arriving on its shores can no longer be classified as refugees.

Squadron leader Prasong Soompiri, the secretary-general of the influential national security council, said the vast majority of Vietnamese now on the move were "economic adventurers".

At issue is whether they are leaving Vietnam for the chance of a better life abroad with virtual automatic entry to the United States and other wealthy industrialised countries, or are being forced to leave to escape political repression and persecution.

In official jargon this is known as the "pull factor" and the "push factor" -- two impersonal terms which could determine the fate of thousands of people.

International refugee officials say it is impossible to determine which of the two factors is responsible for the refugee exodus from Vietnam. But they seem to agree that the pull factor - the opportunity to resettle in the U.S., Australia, France and Canda, the main "acceptance" countries -- is

a big magnet. Thailand, along with Hong Kong, a main transit point for Vietnam's "Boat People" made clear its conviction that the pull factor was responsible for the exodus.

Col. Soonthorn Sonponsiri, a member of Thailand's supreme command, told a two-day conference of international refugee and relief agency officials last week that from Aug. 15 Vietnamese refugees who landed in Thailand would not be allowed to resettle in third countries but would be held in a detention camp indefinitely.

The announcement of a cut-off diplomats as a humane deterrent ters in Jakarta. to discourage the departure of Vietnamese.

Although the movement is nowhere near the alarming levels reached in 1979 when the exodus of boat people was at its peak, Western refugee officials say on average 12,000 people are leaving Vietnam by boat each month, landing at either Hong Kong in the north or Thailand and Malaysia in the south, depending on seasonal monsoon winds.

Quoting newly arrived refugees, Reuter correspondents in South East Asia reported in May that general economic and social misery at home and a virtual guarantee of a better life abroad was leading to a new exodus from Vietnam.

At the centre of the refugee controversy is the United States which has faced public charges in South East Asia that it was encouraging the movement of Vietnamese with its open door refugee policy.

Critics have accused Washington of countering its defeat in Vietnam by trying to destabilise the country and encourage the

The charges, made mainly in newspapers, have been dismissed as specious and unfair by the U.S. embassy in Bangkok. Former assistant secretary of

state for Asia and the Pacific Marshal Green, who leads a panel of U.S. refugee officials touring South East Asia, emphasised the humanitarian aspect of American refugee policy.

"We are not trying to attract or draw people out of Communist Indochina. We certainly are not trying to destabilise the situation. Our interest is to try and find a humane way to deal with this very date was described by Western critical problem," he told repor-

Mr. Green added: "Those people who talk about the pull factor are referring to something that certainly exists -- that people are drawn out in the sense that they want freedom and they want a better way of life. That factor is always there, I suppose.

"But often people lose sight of the predominant factor which is the push factor, and this is a very strong element in Indochina

today," he said. The Green mission, sent by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, is reviewing U.S. refugee policy in Asia and possible changes. It began its work after differences emerged last year between the state department and the American immigration and naturalisation service (INS) on the definition of refugee status.

The state department is responsible for U.S. policy in South East Asia and the INS handles immigration and admits settlers.

Since late last year in INS has deferred visa applications because. in its view some Vietnamese and some Kampucheans did not meet legal requirements for refugee status.

Commenting on what he saw as unnecessary bureaucratic interference, one American embassy

official dealing with refugees described the INS as "nothing but a bunch of policemen".

On average, according to Westem immigration officials, 750 Vietnamese from among the 13,000 Vietnamese refugees in Thailand are being moved to third countries for resettlement weekly.

Since 1975 when the flow of refugees began after the Communist takeover in Vietnam, 48,000 of the estimated 61,000 Vietnamese Boat Poeple who landed in Thailand have been resettled, mainly in the United

The INS has ruled that a person seeking refugee status must have faced political repression and would be persecuted if he returned home.

Thailand's refugee chief, Sq. ldr. Prasong, in defining his country's stand, said: "I believe that among those Vietnamese who come out of their country now, few of them cannot tolerate their government for political reasons. but the great majority or almost all of them have a fundamentally important motive as ordinary economic adventurers, that is to say, the desire to live the better life in third countries, particularly the United States.

"Should we still call them refugees? I would rather disagree," he said.

Sq. ldr. Prasong said the most appropriate course was to contain emigration from Vietnam.

"Any other measure will surely motivate an endless Vietnamese emigration which creates difficulties and burdens for the countries in this region," he said.

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